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SUBJECT Uranium Ore Mine in Walbrzych

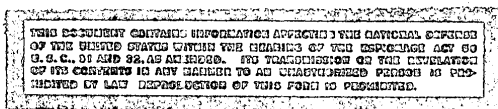
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1. A mine which reportedly produces uranium ore is operating in Walbrzych (Waldenburg - 051/H07). The mine is under the supervision of the United Mines of Kowary in Jelenia Gora (Zjednoczenie Kowarskich Kopaln, pow. Jelenia Gora) but is directly controlled by the Russians.
2. Working conditions are very poor; miners work in hip boots since much of the mining area is under water. The ore that is produced is processed with sieves and ladles. Workers are paid extremely well in comparison to laborers in other mines.
3. When their work is done for the day, the miners are subjected to a very thorough search; an unknown type of electric lamp is used to examine each individual completely.
4. The area around the mine is closely guarded by Russian soldiers. No unauthorized person is allowed to approach or to linger in the vicinity.

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